



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6675

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and
3 the State Comptroller, shall develop short-term and long-term
4 recommendations addressing the most effective use of the increase in
5 federal funds received by the state, including federal funds received
6 that are attributable to the enhanced federal medical assistance
7 percentage, for purposes of utilizing such funds to provide improved
8 access to health care for state residents. Such recommendations may
9 address topics that include, but are not limited to, provider
10 reimbursement rates, expanded enrollment in existing state health care
11 programs, the improved delivery of health care services through
12 existing state health care programs, development of health information
13 technology and improved leveraging of federal dollars for state health
14 care costs. On or before July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
15 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with the
16 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, such
17 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
18 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,
19 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*